

REMARKS

In the July 29, 2004 Office Action, the drawings and specification were objected to and claims 12 and 13 stand rejected in view of prior art, while claim 14 was indicated as containing allowable subject matter. No other objections or rejections were made in the Office Action.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In response to the July 29, 2004 Office Action, Applicants have amended the specification and claim 12, have cancelled claim 14, and added new claims 15 and 16 as indicated above. Applicants have also amended the specification to correct errors discovered upon review. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application. Thus, claims 12, 13, 15 and 16 are pending, with claims 12 and 15 being the only independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

Specification

On page 2 of the Office Action, the specification was objected to because it should be updated to reflect the status of the parent application. In response, Applicants have amended the specification to reflect the status of the parent application.

Specifically, the specification now states that it is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/051,290 filed on January 22, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,693,493 issued on February 17, 2004.

Applicants believe that the specification is now correct. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

On pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, claims 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,097,250 (Kamali et al.). In response, Applicants have amended independent claim 12 to define clearly the present invention over the prior art of record.

In particular, independent claim 12 has been amended to recite that the first and second active devices are N type MOSFET, and the third and fourth active devices are P type MOSFET. These limitations were originally recited in claim 14, which the Examiner has recognized as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants agree and assert that Kamali et al. fail to disclose or to suggest this feature. Clearly, this structure is *not* disclosed or suggested by the Kamali et al. patent or any other prior art of record. It is well settled under U.S. patent law that for a reference to anticipate a claim, the reference must disclose each element of the claim within the reference. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as now amended, is not anticipated by the prior art of record. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Moreover, Applicants believe that the dependent 13 is also allowable over the prior art of record in that they depend from independent claim 12, and therefore is allowable for the reasons stated above. Also, the dependent claim is further allowable because it includes additional limitations. Thus, Applicants believe that since the prior art of record does not anticipate the independent claim 12, neither does the prior art anticipate the dependent claim.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 3 of the Office Action, claim 14 was indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable

subject matter and the thorough examination of this application. In response, Applicants have amended claim 12 to recite the limitations of claim 14. Please note that the limitations of claim 13 were not included in amended claim 12. Regardless, independent claim 12 is believed to be allowable.

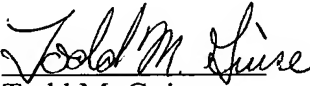
New Claims - 15 and 16

Applicants have added new claims 15 and 16, which are similar to claims 12 and 13. Claims 15 and 16, however, recite a biasing and matching circuit instead of biasing means. Examination and consideration of claims 15 and 16 are respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 12, 13, 15, and 16 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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